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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/629,380 Confirmation No. 6539  
Applicant : Kirk E. VANDEZANDE  
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For : Hierarchical Optimization for Procedural Effectiveness  
TC/A.U. : 1631  
Examiner : ZHOU, Shubo  
Customer No. : 27, 388

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF JULY 31, 2006**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.